

Brownwood Peninsula: A Historical Perspective

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Scholars reap the harvest of 10,000 years of human habitation in the Baytown Nature Center. Home to Paleolithic hunters in the distant past and to modern Americans this century, the Baytown Nature Center provides the opportunity to study the interaction and impact of Man on his changing environment.

Located on the Brownwood Peninsula, the Baytown Nature Center is bordered on two sides by the Houston Ship Channel and is directly east of the San Jacinto Battleground. Archeological evidence and historical documents chronicle the lives of Native Americans, Spanish and French explorers, members of Stephen F. Austin's "Old Three Hundred," and more recently workers in nearby oil and chemical refineries. Early Texas figures such as David G. Burnet, Ashbel Smith, and Sam Houston made their homes on nearby bays. Few geographical locations have witnessed so much. The Baytown Nature Center is a rare opportunity for children and adults to learn from their heritage and to contemplate the legacy they wish to leave to future generations.